PANJA) : (a) to (c) As the return of income for the assesment year 1989-90 has so far not been furnished by the Agha Khan, the Income-tax Department does not have any information regarding the amount said to have been collected by him during his visit to India this year or other issues related thereto.

Promotion in the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

1968. SHRI T. R. BALU : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an official in the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) was given benefit of promotion at two different posts, once as Office Superintendent and the other as Assistant Director (A&C) on the basis of seniority in two different cadres; if so, whether this is permissible under the Rules;

(b) whether this official was placed last in the select list prepared by the D.P.C. in 1980 and was subsequently placed at the top position by a decision (presently sub-judice) of another D.P.C. in 1985 for the same post of Assistant Director (A&C);

(c) whether on the basis of this favoured seniority he has further been promoted as Deputy Director (A&C); and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what corrective action has been taken or proposed to be taken by Government for fair selection ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUM. SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. The official concerned was Accountant, eligible for promotion as Office Superintendent in the Regional Office. In 1974 he was appointed Junior Field Officer, later re-designated as Carpet Training Officer in 1978. At the time of filling up the post of office Superintendent in Regional Office by promotion as per Recruitment Rules, the official concerned continued to hold substantive lien as Accountant in his previous post. Since he had neither been declared permanent in any other higher post nor a permanent CTO, he had to be considered and promoted as office Superintendent w.e.f. 2.6.80. Subsequently, he was appointed Asstt. Director (Administration and Co-ordination) on ad-hoc basis w.e.f. 4-10-82 and subsequently, regularised against that post from 14-8-1985 on the basis of DPC recommendation held in 1985.

(b) Yes, Sir. The matter is, however, sub-judice.

(c) The Post of Deputy Director (Admn. and Coordination) Field Administrative Cell, Varanasi was filled up on ad-hoc promotion of the senior most Assistant Director (Administration and Co-ordination).

(d) Necessary action has been initiated for filling up the post of Deputy Director (A&C) Field Administrative Cell, Varanasi on regular basis as per the existing recruitment rules.

Aid India Consortium suggestion for reduction of fiscal deficit

1969. SHRI CHITTA BASU :

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Aid India Consortium of the World Bank has asked the Government of India to reduce the widening fiscal deficit;

(b) whether the Consortium has made any specific suggestions in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FIN-

ANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) At the Aid India Consortium Meeting held in Paris on June 19-20, 1989, members appreciated the progress achieved by Government of India in reducing the budget deficit. Some of them said that they looked forward to further improvement in this direction. However, no specific suggestions were made in this regard.

Financial Assistance by Bush Administration

1970. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bush Administration agreed to extend financial assistances to the Government of India during 1990;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the U.S. Congress opposed the above move; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHR EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Bush Administration's request for foreign assistance for FY 1990 is still under consideration in the U.S. Congress.

Cases against industries|manufacturers pending Investigations and prosecutions under FERA

1971. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of FERA cases pending investigation against industries| manufacturers since January 1987 till 30th June, 1989;

(b) what are the details of such industries manufacturers which have been find or prosecuted; and

(c) what is the total amount collected till 30th June, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) During the period from 1st January, 1987 to 30th June, 1989, the Directorate of Enforcement had adjudicated 13395 cases under FERA and 8007 cases were pending investigation as on 30-6-89.

No separate statistics of individuals, companies, industries and manufacturers are maintained.

(c) During the period, 1st January, 1987 to 30th June, 1989, a total penalty of Rs. 583.85 lakhs was realised.

Clearing of cheques by Delhi branches of State Bank of India

1972. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while Delhi branches of State Bank of India take two days for clearing cheques other banks in Delhi do the same after one day only; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that in accordance with the procedure followed by Clearnig House in Delhi in the processing of cheques, all cheques received on a particular day are sent to the concerned banks alongwith the settlement position on the next day. The banks after checking up the position with the respective banks, return the un-accep-